

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 614

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Eva Victoria Price on her selection as Teacher of the Year at Meadowview Middle School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Eva Victoria "Vicki" Price is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Price was recently selected as Teacher of the Year for Meadowview Middle School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Price obtained her bachelor's degree at Northeast Louisiana University and graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Tennessee with a Master of Science degree in Agriculture and Extension Education; and

WHEREAS, she embarked upon her career with Hamblen County Schools in 1998, when she joined the staff at Meadowview. She teaches family and consumer science, serving as a cooperating teacher for student and practicum teachers and as a mentor for beginning faculty members; and

WHEREAS, a member of the School Improvement Team and the Chair of the Action Plan Committee at Meadowview, Vicki Price is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, a former University of Tennessee Extension Agent in Hamblen County, Vicki Price helped establish a coalition of fifteen Hamblen County agencies designed to

decrease dependency on the food stamp program while reducing duplication of agency efforts. She also obtained a \$45,000 grant for nutrition education programs; and

WHEREAS, a recipient of the Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant, Ms. Price received \$5,000 for a Learning Landscapes after-school tutoring program for sixty children and another sixty who participate during an in-school service learning component; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Price has graciously volunteered her time to numerous scholastic efforts, including creating the Clean-Up Casey and Spruce-Up Sam mascot costumes for Keep America Beautiful, serving as a sponsor of the Student Nutrition Advisory Council and the Student Nutrition Action Committee, and being a teacher member of the Green Team and a 4-H Club program leader; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Ms. Price has received the Special Education Award of Excellence, Tennessee Teacher Educator Awards, and the National Fabric-Care Award; and

WHEREAS, Vicki Price is an active and devout member of Centenary United Methodist Church, where she serves as a Trustee, a member of the Administrative Board, and a Worship Team Leader; and

WHEREAS, Vicki Price also volunteers with the American Red Cross and has served as a Mountain Makins' demonstrator; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Price truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Vicki Price epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Eva Victoria Price on being chosen as Teacher of the Year at Meadowview Middle School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.